

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 14-24 were previously pending in this application.

The Examiner has required an election of one of seven groups listed in the Office Action dated February 25, 2009. Applicants hereby elect Group II (claim 2) without traverse. Therefore, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and claim 2 has been cancelled.

The Examiner further requires election of species. Because Applicants have elected Group II, Applicants further elect "Portland cement" as the species.

As claims 5 and 6 depend from amended claim 1, it is believed that claims 5 and 6 do not need to be withdrawn.


New claim 25 has been added, which depends from claim 5 and ultimately from claim 1. New claim 25 is supported by at least claim 5 as originally filed.

Claims 2-4 and 14-24 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
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